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Don't forget to set your clock ahead one hour Saturday night. Daylight Savings Time begins April 3.

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Around The Army

Korea:

The Pacific Stars and Stripes reported March 30 that Osan Air Base officials had reshuffled the Air Force police team that patrols the off-base bar district.

The change comes amid allegations some of its members shook down Korean bar owners for bribes and sexual favors, officials said. The airman raised the threat of having the bars put off-limits to U.S. troops, according to South Korean media reports and a civic group that mounted a protest rally outside the base March 29.

For more on this story and other U.S. military news in the Pacific and European theaters, visit www.estripes.com on the Web.

Fort Knox:

The Turret reported March 24 that 24 quarters on the installation had registered readings indicating high gas levels of radon gas. Radon testing began in September for all Fort Knox housing units with basements, where radon is more likely to be found.

Don Mercer, the chief of the Fort Knox Housing Division, said, after an occupant's inquiry, the Housing Division decided to test all 388 quarters with basements because radon testing had not been conducted for a few years.

After an initial short-term test on the quarters, a second short-term test was conducted on 108 quarters that had detectable levels.

Of the 108 quarters retested, 45 quarters were recommended for a third test. Twenty-four units were above the level at which the Environmental Protection Agency recommends fixing a house to reduce the radon level.

For more on this story and other Fort Knox news, visit www.theneenterprise.com/turret/ on the Web.

Fort Belvoir:

The Eagle reported March 24 that a fire broke out in George Washington Village yesterday morning, causing at least one person to be transported to DeWitt Army Community Hospital for tests.

At 5:48 a.m., Fort Belvoir Fire and Rescue responded to a duplex unit on the 9000 block of Soldier Road to put out the blaze that erupted in one of the homes. The cause of the fire is still under investigation, but department officials determined that the fire began in an upstairs bedroom used as an office.

For more on this story and other Fort Belvoir news, visit www.belvoiragle.com/ on the Web.

Fort Sill:

The Cannoneer reported March 24 that a full-size buffalo, painted with images representing Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla., and the state of Oklahoma, had been carried into the post's Snow Hall. Fort Sill has been chosen as the first place to display the fiberglass sculpture, "Thru the Eyes of the Buffalo," painted by Comanche artist Oliver Poemoeach.

For more on this story and other Fort Sill news, visit www.lawton-constitution.com/cball/cannoneer.htm on the Web.

General returns to III Corps

Metz discusses 13 months spent as commander of coalition force

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

A former commanding general visited Fort Riley March 22 and 23 to refresh his knowledge of the post's

activities and current situations.

Lt. Gen. Thomas Metz, commanding general of III Corps and Fort Hood, Fort Riley's higher headquarters, visited the post after spending

13 months as commander of the Multi-National Corps-Iraq. He left that position in mid-February.

"I've been gone for 13 months and need to get a feel for how things are going at

the corps installations," Metz said during a brief interview at a stop he made at the Soldier and Family Support Center.

"I must admit, my love for Fort Riley and the great times

I spent here before drew me back to Fort Riley as the first stop. But I'll be going to Fort Carson, Fort Sill, Fort Bliss, and of course spending a lot of time at Fort Hood getting

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Lt. Gen. Thomas Metz

Prairie problem



Post/Blackmon

Members of 1st Bn., 5th FA, stretch across muddy ruts while loading ammunition into a Paladin howitzer as part of the platoon lanes training the battalion conducted March 21-24.

Chilly, wet weather complicates training



Post/Blackmon

Sgt. 1st Class Johnny Cornejo (left) talks with 2nd Lt. Andrew Stinger in front of their muddy "Humvee" March 22.

By April Blackmon
Staff writer

Rain drenched Soldiers and equipment had turned the tall-grass prairie into a mud zone the end of March.

Combined with the brisk temperatures and chilling winds, Soldiers of 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery, got a physical reminder they were back in Kansas despite the Iraq-like scenario of their training.

"It's cold. Real cold. And the wind... Don't get me wrong, in Iraq it did get cold, but not like this," said Spc. Derrick Brooks of Service Battery, 1st Bn., 5th FA. The mud, however, reminded Brooks of Iraq, he

said.

On the prairie, it was, at times, virtually impossible to keep windshields clean enough to see through. Wheels spun mud and vehicles slid around as Soldiers maneuvered them through the prairie's roller-coaster-like hills.

Each battery in the battalion battled the elements in addition to combat scenarios set up for platoon lanes training March 21-24. The weather and mud were turned out to be minor challenges the Soldiers faced.

"As we're moving through the areas, (we have to look for) different things like IEDs or receiving indirect fire or RPG

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Annual AER drive begins

Campaigners set \$60,000 goal for post

By Jay Baker

Public affair intern

Active duty Soldiers and retirees can rely on the Army Emergency Relief fund to rescue them from financial danger. Active duty Soldiers and retirees can aid in that rescue effort by contributing to the fund during its annual campaign April 4 through May 5.

The private nonprofit organization offers grants, loans and scholarships to Soldiers, retirees and their dependents. Last year, Fort Riley's AER office provided some \$89,000 to 224 Soldiers and family members.

The organization plans to kick off its drive with a luncheon for all brigade and battalion commanders and sergeants major and unit project officers at 1st Brigade Combat Team's dining facility at 11:45 a.m. April 6. The campaign's goal is \$60,000.

"Our goal last year was \$60,000; we hope that even with 3rd Brigade deployed, we can still meet our goal," said Master Sgt. John Smiley, Directorate of Moral, Welfare and Recreation sergeant major.

The Fort Riley AER raised some \$70,000 in the 2004 campaign from some 2,600 Soldiers on-post, Smiley added.

Another goal is to reach 100 percent notification. "Every Soldier has to be given the opportunity to contribute," Smiley said.

All active duty Soldiers, reserve and National Guard Soldiers on duty for more than 30 days and retirees will be solicited, said Mays Moseley, AER program

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Old 'brush' plane flies again

Reservists, retiree rebuild '51Piper Pacer

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

The Pacer that won the "Will It Ever Fly Again?" award at the 2004 fly-in sponsored by the Experimental Aircraft Association chapter in Junction City last September returned to the air this month.

The 1951 Piper PA50 flew the "brush" in Alaska from its birth until 1995. It eventually wound

up in pieces on a Nebraska farm.

Three people connected to Fort Riley bought it, moved it to a shop building at Freeman Field in Junction City and spent about four months — 1,150 man-hours — preparing it for a new life.

Its new owner will fly the white, single-engine aircraft wearing an eagle's head and red waving stripes on each side and a blue field with five-pointed stars around its nose to its new home on a Yakima, Wash., fruit farm

owned by a Vietnam-era Army helicopter pilot.

Two reserve Soldiers and a retired Army aviator joined resources and talents to give the little plane a new life.

Charles Ballentine is a reservist with the 648th Area Support Group and is about to retire.

Gary Sweet serves with the 382nd Logistics Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade, 75th Division

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Post/Heronemus

Charles Ballentine (left) and Greg Monty stand in front of the Piper Pacer they helped rebuild.



Post news in brief

Toastmasters plan meeting

The next Old Bill's Toastmasters meeting is scheduled from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. April 7 at Junction City Fire Station No. 2.

Anyone from the Fort Riley and Junction City community interested in building their leadership skills and overcoming the fear of public speaking is welcome to attend. The meeting is free and open to the general public.

Old Bill's Toastmasters is a non-profit organization that promotes a positive learning environment. It is an affiliate of Toastmasters International. For more information and directions to the meeting location, call Jim Hill at 761-1130.

Miller named top employee

The Directorate of Morale Welfare and Recreation named Kim Miller its Employee of the Quarter for the first quarter of fiscal year 2005. The award



Kim
Miller

recognized her role in developing and managing Fort Riley's fitness programs. Miller, the fitness program manager, has worked with the activity for three years. Her efforts in managing the self-development fitness programs and helping develop the "My Life Fitness" program improved the post's community recreation and sports program.

Miller received an official commendation and a \$250 cash award for being named employee of the quarter.

Severe weather briefs offered

Jim Hill of the Directorate of Environment and Safety will give a severe weather briefing to units, directorates and family member groups interested in learning about tornado and lightning safety, what to do and not to do in case of severe weather and learning more about Kansas tornado and lightning statistics and general facts and myths.

To get more information or to schedule a class, call Hill at 761-1130.

DES staff slates April training

The Directorate of Environment and Safety has scheduled the following training courses during April:

Environmental Team Training: Environmental Team training certifies environmental team leaders and members in how to handle hazardous materials and waste handling and spill responses at the unit level. Leaders and team members must attend this course within 60 days of appointment to their duties. Class begins at 9 a.m. each day, April 4-5, in Room 6 of Building 407. The course lasts two days.

MEDDAC plans heat classes

The Preventive Medicine Service of U.S. Army Medical Activity at Fort Riley will offer heat injury awareness and prevention briefings at Barlow Theater from 9 to 11 a.m. April 6 and May 4.

The classes will cover types of heat injuries, treatment and prevention.

Classes also are available to units on a first-come, first-serve basis on Wednesdays April 15 through May 25. Available class times are 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

For more information, call 239-7323.

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back into the things I need to do as an Army commander."

As commander of MNC-I, a subordinate command of Multi-National Force-Iraq, Metz supervised about 165,000 employees, Soldiers, Marines, Airmen and Sailors in the coalition corps that included 29 nations.

Warfare today is where nations come together to do what we think is right, Metz commented about commanding a multinational corps. "Each member of the coalition brings different capabilities, numbers and resources, and we just tap into the goodness of each one to help the whole team," he said.

The contributions of every member nation in the coalition corps Metz commanded was very significant, he said.

"No nation can match the wherewithal of the United States. We're a wealthy nation with tremendous values. We are obviously carrying the load; but nations, as they can afford to help out, are helping (and) in some cases, disproportionately. I'll tell you the Polish, based on the size of their military, are proportionately offering a lot, as are the Ukrainians, the Italians.

"The Koreans, while I was there, did a lot of civil affairs and helped to rebuild Iraq. So each (coalition member) has its own unique contribution," Metz said.

Iraq conducted its first democratic election while Metz commanded MNC-I. Metz seemed in awe of the Iraqi determination to conduct a successful election.

"What was so significant about the elections was, No. 1, they were run by Iraqis," Metz said.

"The polling sites were protected by the Iraqis and we, the coalition, were only at a quick reaction position. So from the time an Iraqi got into the polling line until he cast his vote and left, it really was an Iraqi operation.

"Now, on some occasions we were called for some help, but very little," Metz added.

"When you consider 8 1/2 million people voted at 5,200 polling stations all run by the Iraqis, that's a monumental event, notwithstanding the fact that each one of those people who went to vote



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1st Bn., 41st Infantry patrols in Iraq

1st Lt. William Murphy with Company A, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry, from Boston, Mass., receives a farewell handshake and a host of good luck gestures from an Iraqi soldier with the 507th unit of the Iraqi National Guard. Murphy and his unit are part of a joint cordon and search mission using Iraq and U.S. Soldiers. The patrol was leaving through the main gate of the Iraqi National Guard compound. While the unit was on patrol, a young Iraqi child said it best, "Iraq and American Soldiers are friends now, huh?" The 256th Brigade Combat Team has tactical control over Co. A, which is attached to 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor.

was under the threat of death from the insurgents," Metz said, adding his assessment that the election was "a very, very proud moment for the Iraqi people."

Metz said the need for America's military hasn't ended just because the Iraqis have a popularly elected leadership and government.

"We're fighting a classic insurgency," he said. "We're fighting basically what I describe as three enemies. One is a former regime that just wants to get back into power. The second is terrorists who have hijacked a religion, (and) who have motivations to change more than just the Middle East, but certainly change Iraq, at least, to a very radical Islamic state. And then you have just basic criminals."

Criminal enterprise comes with the territory, Metz said. "Iraq is a very wealthy nation; and if the criminals can help keep it unstable, it makes it easier for their criminal activities."

The U.S. military mission is aimed at a limited number of insurgents, Metz said. "It's not a popular insurgency because their only tool is intimidation, kidnapping, murder and torturing. So, when 8 1/2 million people voted against them, it was a clear sign to me that it is not popular."

To win the fight against the insurgents, Metz said the coalition will follow classical steps to beat any insurgency. That will include helping the economy stabilize and grow and supporting the government. When "we will get the governance correct and offer people

certain services, we will beat this insurgency," he assured.

Combat missions aren't the only missions U.S. Soldiers face and win at every day, Metz said. "We're investing lots of our treasury into the economy, the central services and the reconstruction of Iraq all the way down to where a company or battalion renovates a school. Across the spectrum, the coalition forces are helping the Iraqi people get back on their feet."

Rebuilding Iraq is not an easy task, Metz reminded.

"So few of us realize that under a dictator like Saddam, a brutal, repressive, almost sadistic kind of leadership, that country was run down, barely operating with its own capability. To rebuild the infrastructure, the electrical

power, the oil refineries and the distribution system all takes a long time and a lot of effort," he said.

The American military, including those deployed from Fort Riley, contribute to that effort, Metz said.

"I'm so proud of our Soldiers, because they've got the discipline during the day to paint a school and fight the enemy at night. They do the whole spectrum, and it's 24 hours a day, seven days a week," he said.

Progress may seem slow to many, but Metz said he is amazed at how rapidly Iraq has moved from an oppressive dictatorship into a popular democracy.

"I think the most significant change was that in late June they became a sovereign nation. (At that time) it was a government that was put together based on UN Resolution 1546. That interim Iraqi government put together this election that we had on Jan. 30.

"(In that election) 275 people were elected by the Iraqi people. Those people will write a constitution and then, under their law, elect the next government.

"So, what I have seen is a movement from coalition provincial authority days where (the U.S. ambassador) was essentially the leader of the country, along with (a U.S. Army general) as the military leader, to an interim Iraqi government where we were partners, and a transitional government now that will write a constitution.

"And all this is being done in under three years. An unbelievable pace at which we're going, and we're going successfully," Metz said.

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manager.

"Many years ago, Soldiers used to pass the hat when a Soldier had a problem," Moseley said. Soldiers have always felt a need to take care of their fellow Soldiers, she said, and "that's what AER does. It's a real efficient way of taking care of Soldiers."

Money donated at Fort Riley goes into a central Army-wide fund, and "97 cents out of every dollar donated goes out to directly assist Soldiers. AER helps an average of 10.5 percent of the active force each year," she said.

Soldiers and units can donate in the name of someone and establish a memorial to honor fallen Soldiers, Moseley said. This year's campaign slogan is One Nation, One Army, One Organization.

Components raise limit

AFPS

WASHINGTON — The Army Reserve and the Army National Guard have raised the age limit for recruits from 34 to 39, Defense Department officials said.

The move will add 22.6 million people to those who could potentially enlist in the reserve components, said a Pentagon spokeswoman. The new program will run for three years, she said.

No other reserve component is contemplating such a move, officials said, and raising the age limit on active duty Soldiers would require a change in law.

The idea came from the Army Reserve's translator aide program. That program admits Arab linguists to the service up to age 41.

The Army National Guard and Army Reserve need people. The Army Reserve recruited 6,230 Soldiers through the end of February. This is 89.7 percent of the year-to-date mission. The Army Guard is at 76 percent of their year-to-date mission, having recruited 16,835 Soldiers. The Guard started the year with a 5,000-Soldier deficit.

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DoD seeks billions for missile defenses

By Doug Sample

AFPS

WASHINGTON — Pentagon leaders charged with protecting the country against a ballistic missile attack asked Congress March 15 for \$7.8 billion to sustain development of the nation's first missile defense system through fiscal 2006.

The request is about \$1 billion less than the fiscal 2005 budget.

Appearing before the House Armed Services Committee, Air Force Lt. Gen. Henry A. Obering III, director of the Missile Defense Agency, told lawmakers the billion-dollar request will help his agency further develop and field a joint, integrated, multi-layered ballistic defense system.

That system, he said, "will defend the United States as well as deployed forces and our allies and friends against ballistic missiles of all ranges by engaging them in the boost, midcourse and terminal phases of flight."

Obering said \$1.4 billion is needed to continue "fielding and sustainment" of long-range, ground-based, midcourse defense components, as well as "short-to intermediate-range" defenses that will be installed aboard Aegis-class ships.

Another \$6.4 billion will be invested in the development foundation for continued testing and evolution of the system, he said.

The general said \$2.3 billion would help further development,

ground and flight-testing of a ground-based midcourse defense capability against the long-range threat.

Request adds up to 10 interceptors

"This request includes up to 10 additional ground-based interceptors, their silos and associated support equipment and facilities, as well as the long-lead items for the next increment," he explained. To address the short-to intermediate-range threat, Obering said about \$1.9 billion will continue development and testing of our sea-based midcourse capability.

That capability involves ballistic missile defense systems on

Navy Aegis-class ships and a land-based Terminal High Altitude Area Defense system. Known by the acronym THAAD, this system is a rapidly transportable, forward-deployable capability designed to intercept and destroy ballistic missiles in and above the atmosphere while they are in their final, or terminal, phase of flight.

In addition, funding would be used to buy more Standard Missile-3 interceptors and to upgrade Aegis ships to perform the BMD mission, Obering said. He added that the agency is hoping to have up to 28 SM-3 interceptors on three Aegis cruisers and eight Aegis destroyers by the end of 2007.

"This engagement capability

will improve our ability to defend our deployed troops and our friends and allies," he said. "Six additional destroyers, for a total of 17 Aegis ships, will be capable of performing the surveillance and track mission."

Other requests seek \$1.28 billion

Smaller budget requests for fiscal 2006 include \$521 million to execute the agency's Space Tracking Surveillance System and Ballistic Missile Defense System radar, \$680 million for rocket boost-phase programs; and \$82 million to continue development of the Multiple Kill Vehicle system, designed to shoot down

incoming missiles.

Justifying the need to sustain funding for missile defense, Obering said the threat the United States faces from proliferating and evolving ballistic missile systems and associated technologies and expertise "continues unabated."

The general said nearly 100 foreign ballistic missile launches were made around the world in 2004 — nearly double the number in 2003 and slightly greater than the number of launches in 2002.

He told the committee that more than 60 launches last year involved short-range ballistic missiles, more than 10 involved medium-range missiles and nearly 20 involved land- and sea-based long-range ballistic missiles.

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(Training Support).

Chief Warrant Officer 4 Greg Monty retired as an Army aviator who flew fixed wing and rotary aircraft.

They hauled the Pacer from Nebraska in big pieces, then took

it completely apart and began rebuilding it from the frame out. "The plane was not airworthy when we got it," Ballentine said.

That was in August 2004. That September the stripped down frame won the EEA's fly-in award

for a dubious future.

Maj. Janet McCall, also a reserve Soldier with the 648th ASG and a Boeing 707 pilot, proved that honor incorrect when she took the little Piper for a test flight recently.

The PA20 will hold four passengers and a 32-gallon fuel tank that gives it about a 350-mile range with 45 minutes of fuel in reserve.

The project to rebuild the plane evolved from a need for the reserve Soldiers to fill some free time after work at Fort Riley, Ballentine said. "We thought it would be a fun project," he said.

The three partners, who have formed a new aviation business in Junction City, did most of the work but had help from others with some time on their hands, Ballentine said.

The work included a new engine and propeller, new electrical harnesses and new fabric covering the 19-foot fuselage and 32-foot wingspan.

The fabric is specially designed for aircraft and requires a multi-step process to shrink the fabric to

fit the frame and wings and strengthen it with several coats of special paint.

The partners' paint job left the plane with a brilliant white coat that Ballentine said didn't work well with clouds, making the plane difficult to spot.

So, they sought out a Junction City man to paint some sort of patriotic design on the plane.

Randy "Dad" Zaideman of A & R Custom Art & Signs adjacent to Freeman Field painted the Pacer. "They told us the rough idea of what they wanted and had us come up with the design," Zaideman said.

Zaideman boasts about 45 years experience in vehicle graphic design, mostly hot rod painting that is an extension of the '50s and '60s era.

"This is my first plane in Junction City," he said, "but I've done

others at air shows around the country. I hope to do more of them."

He often decorates restored vintage war aircraft with images resembling the pages of a Vargas Girls calendar he carries with him.

"A lot of the restorers want a Vargas Girl painted on the plane," he said. "They were real popular back when the planes were flown during the wars."

CG&G won't stop with this first rebuild project.

Monty said the partners already have other planes bought to restore as part of their new business. They hope for the same kind of success with future rebuild projects.

They put the Pacer on e-Bay and got 7,000 hits on it within three days of posting it for sale, Ballentine said.

The Piper PA20 Pacer arrived at Freeman Field in a few large pieces. After four months' work, it flies again and decorates the sky with a unique paint job featuring an eagle, stars and stripes. CG&G/Ballentine



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Post news in brief

Chapel alters hours for Mass

The Catholic Mass at Morris Hill Chapel on April 3 will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. instead of 9 a.m. For more information, call Morris Hill Chapel at 239-4814.

Post to begin spring cooling

Weather permitting, Public Works personnel will begin turning off heating beginning April 4 in the following sequence:

April 4-15 – Administrative buildings, barracks, bachelor enlisted quarters and bachelor officer quarters with individual units, buildings in the 8000 area, dining facilities and community buildings.

Air conditioning systems are scheduled to be turned on beginning May 2 May in the following order:

May 2-13 – Barracks, bachelor officer quarters and bachelor enlisted quarters, buildings in the 8000 area, community buildings and administrative buildings.

Schwanke named best

The Directorate of Contracting named Keith G. Schwanke its Employee of the Quarter for the first quarter of fiscal year 2005. The award recognized his professionalism and excellent working relationship with customers and his outstanding service.



**Keith
Schwanke**

Schwanke, a contact specialist, receives and reviews contracts for Fort Riley projects.

His willingness to take on any project, research regulations and complete projects in an outstanding manner made him an asset to his activity and Fort Riley.

Schwanke earned \$100 cash, eight hours time off and 90 days of VIP parking. His name appears on DOC's Employee of the Quarter plaque.

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Soldiers of Svc. Btry., 1st Bn., 5th FA, go over ammunition distribution details during platoon lanes training March 22. The Soldiers were preparing for Btry. B to arrive and pick ammunition for its mission.

Pvt. Shaun Gardner (left) and Sgt. Paul Martin of Svc. Btry., 1st Bn., 5th FA, take inventory on the battalion's ammunition before issuing it to Btry. B.

Post/Blackmon



Second Lt. Andrew Stringer of Btry. B, 1st Bn., 5th FA, talks on the radio as his platoon waits to start their mission March 22.

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A "Humvee" splashes water and churns mud while being driven through a soggy ditch.

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attacks," Capt. Andy Duggar, Battery B commander said.

"They go through a scenario much like something we'd expect them to see in Iraq to begin to train up for the situations that they'll see over there, and some of the same situations we've seen before," said Capt. Gene Porter, battalion operations officer.

A mission event list sits at the tactical operations center, or TOC, outlining what the Soldiers will be dealing with over the next 24 hours.

"They don't know what we're going to hit them with," Porter said. "We'll call them on the radio at this time and tell them this is what's going on; enemy spotted implanting IEDs, what have you."

Members of each battery came into the TOC for their field artillery support plan, or FASP, which is basically their operations order, Porter said.

"We'll set the conditions, give them the enemy situation," he said. "We'll tell them what their mission is . . . and they'll begin their planning at the battery level."

Battery B made its way to the TOC March 22 to receive its FASP. The battery's mission was to provide fire support for the brigade and help defeat local insurgents.

"You guys are the only show in town out there right now, that's why it's so important," encouraged Lt. Col. Richard Cabrey, battalion commander, as the battery began its mission.





Commentary

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Riley Roundtable

This week's question:

Why do you feel it's important to be part of the Fort Riley team?



"I feel my job is extremely important. I'm a veteran, so being able to put back what I saw as a military person is important. And, I'm glad to be a part of the community. I'm a member of three committees that deal with family programs."

Dawn Barclay
Human Resources Specialist
Civilian Personnel Advisory Center



"I had 24 years on active duty in the Army. I always felt committed to the military and being a civilian employee gives me the opportunity to make a contribution using my years of Army training."

Mike Hathaway
Computer Assistant
Directorate of Information Management



"What makes me feel good about it is the fact of knowing I'm a support to our troops, those actively engaged in war, because that's our connection. They're why we do what we do. It's an honorable position to know we actively support them and encompasses more than just coming to work each morning."

Daphne Maxwell
Administrative Assistant
Legal Assistance



"I believe the civilians on Fort Riley play an important part in establishing continuity. We have so many Soldiers and supervisors who are new to the area... so we train them and teach things they can carry on to other installations, such as the way we do our juvenile review board."

Kathy Nemeth
Legal Assistance Paralegal
Staff Judge Advocate's Office

"It's important to support the Soldier. If not for the Soldier, we wouldn't be here. I have great respect for the Soldiers and the job they have to do. I consider it an honor to support the military."

Jan Tilley
Administrative Assistant
Directorate of Information Management

Next week's question:

What do you do to relieve mental and physical stress?

Opinions may be e-mailed to the editor at mike.heronemus@riley.army.mil or faxed to the editor at 239-2592. Opinions must reach the editor by close of business Tuesdays to appear in the following Friday's paper.

By Kevin Stuart

LACH Soldier Medic

The story of women in America is one of strong, courageous and persevering women whose challenges to inequities and other injustices helped shape our nation. As we continue to march strong, let's remember our past to shape our future.

From pre-colonial time to present, women have made significant contributions to America, and today's generation owes some remembrance and honor for all women of courage and vision.

The theme for Women's History Month 2005 (March) was "Women Changing America." Many women of the past, present and certainly years to come have demonstrated their contributions to our country and greatly enhanced the strength of our nation. These women with exceptional achievements and outstanding contributions to the world have brought inspiration to their contemporaries and brought social change to America.

We should honor women such as Harriet Tubman, the first Black woman depicted on a U.S. stamp, guided more than 300 slaves to their freedom. Patsy Mink was the first Asian Ameri-



Kevin Stuart

can woman elected to Congress. Susan B. Anthony founded the women's rights movement and paved the way for women to vote.

Ellen Ochoa was the first Hispanic American woman to go into space. Condoeza Rice is the first woman selected to serve as National Security Advisor for the United States.

Sacajawea was the Native American heroine who guided the Lewis and Clark Expedition to the Pacific Northwest. Linda Chavez-Thompson was the first woman elected to an executive office of the AFL-CIO and is the highest ranking woman in the labor movement.

Dr. Mary E. Walker was the first female doctor in the military and the only woman of war awarded the Medal of Honor. Clara Maass was one of the first contract nurses who contributed to the study of yellow fever.

Sybill Ludington, a Revolu-

tionary War heroine, rode 40 miles on horseback through New York, rallying the militia. Madeleine Albright was the first female selected to serve as U.S. Secretary of State.

Amelia Earhart was the first woman to cross the Atlantic in an airplane. Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross. Dorothea Dix was the first woman appointed to a federal administration position.

Wilma Mankiller was the first woman deputy chief in Cherokee history. Mary McLeod Bethune was an educator and founder of Bethune Cookman College. Eleanor Roosevelt devoted her life to see women gain representation in government and world affairs.

These are just a few women who significantly contributed to our society.

Women have challenged the social tradition that limited their potential and suffered, endured and triumphed in their challenges. Many women in our country have assumed roles that were previously the exclusive domain of men. Some social concerns, such as education, health care, family and environment, were once called "women's issues."

They affect everyone now.

The end of the Cold War shifted emphasis from military to domestic issues. Women have amassed expertise on domestic issues and influence business and politics with new styles of leadership.

Women are becoming social activists in Third World countries, overcoming health, education and welfare issues that threaten to disrupt the world economy.

In our imperfect world, sexism, violence, sexual abuse and harassment remain with us. The United States would surely become a pluralistic society, if our differences could be freely expressed and celebrated. We must join partnerships and friendships for the good of all humanity. Exploring the history and positions of women in America helps us understand the human connections we share across generations, and celebrating "Women Changing America" further contributes to this process.

As we conclude the celebration of Women's History Month this year, let us learn from the past and present about women contributing to the growth and strength of our nation to give us reasons for hope in the future.

Military History Museum's library offers history tomes

By William McKale

Supervisory Curator

The Museum Division Library and Archives has moved to 263 Cameron Avenue on Main Post and is now open for use by the civilian and military communities.

The library and archival collections represent not only a valuable research tool of the U.S. Cavalry and Regimental Museums at Fort Riley but also serve to further an appreciation of the U.S. Army's military heritage. In this way, the Museum Division Library and Archives is proud to offer its resources and services to all members of the military, academic and local communities.

Resources available include books and historical materials that highlight the history of Fort Riley and the units that have served here over the course of the fort's 150-year history. The library consists of more than 8,000 books, magazines, reference materials and Army publications covering all aspects of Fort Riley and U.S. Army history. The archives contain thousands of historical documents that are organized into more than 150 collections of documents and photographs.

One of the main missions of

the library and archives is to support the military community.

The library's resources and staff can assist Army units assigned to Fort Riley in research projects that promote and sustain unit esprit de corps. Unit histories, photographs and military reference material are available for research on all aspects of unit history.

Furthermore, the library serves as a valuable resource for information on virtually all topics related to mobilization, training and combat as well as combat support operations.

For the general public and academic communities, the Museum Division Library and Archives is an important resource for historical and genealogical research. The large collection of documents and photographs provide important primary source materials for research on a vast array of social and cultural aspects of the U.S. Army from the 19th century to the present day. These materials are just some of the many resources available to high school, undergraduate and graduate students in the Fort Riley area.

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Grunt By Wayne Uhden



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Hospital adds info Web page

By Jan Clark
IACH

The Irwin Army Community Hospital Physical Therapy Clinic and Information Management Division recently unveiled a new Web page on the hospital's Internet home page.

This is a patient education and information page with links to self-care techniques for 34 common joint, muscle, tendon and ligament conditions or injuries.

For each condition or injury, the information includes descriptions of the condition, symptoms, causes, prevention, prognosis, treatment recommendations and pictures of basic exercises to help recover from the condition or injury.

Additional pages include information on exercise and weight loss, diabetes and exercise, and pregnancy and exercise.

Additional links provide access to the Army Physical Fitness School, several virtual hospital Web sites, a low back pain education and prevention interactive tutorial and other helpful tools and references.

To access the Web site, go directly to the page at <http://iach.amedd.army.mil/departments/phyTherapy.asp> or visit the Irwin Army Community Hospital Internet Home page at <http://iach.amedd.army.mil> and click on the Physical Therapy link on the left side of the page under the "For Patients" column.



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Army G3 visits Fort Riley

Lt. Gen. James J. Lovelace (second Soldier from left), director of Army operations, and Sen. Pat Roberts (third civilian from left), visit the 125th Forward Support Battalion motor pool where military vehicles returned from Iraq are restored. The stop was one of many during a tour of Fort Riley March 29. Accompanying the general and senator were Garrison Commander Col. John Simpson (right) and a staffer in Roberts' office (standing next to Roberts).

Post renovates maintenance buildings

By Austin Meek
Staff writer

Two of Fort Riley's vehicle maintenance facilities will grow to almost twice their current size, said Public Works Director Larry McGee.

Vehicle maintenance facilities 7760 and 7780 will be expanded from 17,163 square feet to about 32,300 square feet, McGee said. Some existing vehicle bays will be upgraded while others will be demolished and replaced with larger bays.

The current vehicle bays are not large enough to accommodate some maintenance projects, McGee said.

"The current bays do not have the overhead lift required to remove engine-transmission packages," he said. "All engine packs are pulled and serviced outside."

The new bays will measure 32 by 64 feet, McGee said. The shop core area also will be demolished and replaced.

The enlarged facilities will be used to service tactical equipment

for 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, and 1st Battalion, 34th Armor, McGee said.

He expects the \$15.5 million revitalization project to begin this summer.

"We expect the construction contract to be awarded in July 2005 with work starting shortly after that," McGee said. "The facilities will be completed by November 2006."

The Kansas City District Corps of Engineers will award and administer the construction contract, McGee said.

Bosnia materiel moves elsewhere

Army salvages recyclables

AFPS

EAGLE BASE, Bosnia-Herzegovina — U.S. Army troops aren't the only American assets pulling out of the Balkans. The installation facilities are literally being "pulled out" as well and sent to Iraq to be used in the global war on terror.

As troops pull out of the Balkans, some Army bases, such as Camp Comanche, are left standing empty. After the Army declares the bases excess, contractor Kellogg Brown & Root Services begins dismantling the buildings. This is the time for harvesting materials that can be reused either in the Balkans, the European theater or elsewhere.

KBRs representatives work with Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service staff to effectively re-use as much material as possible. DRMS is a field activity of the Defense Logistics Agency.

Host-nation agreements in the Balkans require that land be left in the same condition as it was before use by the U.S. military, which means that all base infrastructure must be removed and the land cleared. KBRs tears down the remaining infrastructure and salvages as much as possible.

Anything that can be re-used is called "harvested" material. The rest is sold as scrap or is disposed of properly as waste.

KBRs representatives have worked for several years in conjunction with Arthur Welsh, the

DRMS sales contracting officer in Wiesbaden, Germany, to sell the excess, harvested, recyclable materials. Notice about the materials is provided through an invitation for bid, reviewed by the SCO for compliance to all applicable regulations. The sale is conducted by the sealed-bid method.

Evan Skidmore, the KBRs excess property manager at Boyington Field, Bosnia, has been harvesting materials for several years. The harvested materials are in good condition and can be shipped to other locations, replacing or supplanting orders for new materials. The materials are issued free of charge, which saves the customer the cost of buying new items.

Many times the shipping costs are lower as well, since the materials are already in the theater or much closer to where they're needed and don't have to be shipped from the states. The amount saved is called "cost avoidance," because the used materials help avoid the costs of purchasing new materials. The cost avoidance figure for Boyington Field is approaching \$5 million, according to Skidmore.

"The harvesting program is just another way DLA is supporting the warfighter with innovative ways to reduce the cost of war without sacrificing the quality of materials used to conduct the war," said David Porter, the DLA area manager for the Balkans Region.

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Post news in brief

Motorcycle classes offered

The Installation Safety Office has scheduled Basic Rider Motorcycle Courses and Experienced Motorcycle Rider Courses for fiscal year 05.

The Basic Rider Course is designed for persons with limited or no experience riding a motorcycle. The training consists of classroom activities and motorcycle driving during a two-day course.

The basic courses are scheduled on weekends from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day of the course. The first day, students meet in Room 6 of Building 407. Attendees must wear a long-sleeve shirt, pants, over-the-ankle shoes, and full-fingered gloves. Motorcycles and helmets are provided for the basic rider training.

The Experienced Rider's Course is designed for individuals who are skilled at motorcycle riding, possess a safe operating motorcycle and have a motorcycle endorsement on their driver's license.

The course runs from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on scheduled Fridays. Attendees must bring a safe operating motorcycle and wear a long-sleeve shirt, pants, over-the-ankle shoes, full-fingered gloves, protective eye-wear and a helmet. If the helmet has a face shield, the eye-wear is optional.

The experienced riders course begins in Building 407 and then moves to the riding range.

Both Courses are open to active duty military and their family members, Department of the Army civilians, military retirees, and U.S. Army Reserve and National Guard members working on Fort Riley.

The Basic Rider Course is scheduled April 2-3, April 16-17, April 30-May 1, May 7-8, May 21-22 and dates in June, July, August, September and October.

The Experienced Rider Course is April 1, 15 and 29; May 6 and 20; June 3 and 17; July 8 and 22; Aug. 12 and 26; and Sept. 16 and 30.

For enrollment information, call 239-2334.



Pfc. Corey White with the 24th Inf. Div. (Mech) G6 staff, inspects computer equipment.



Chief Warrant Officer Kevin Stonehouse (left), with the 24th Inf. Div. (Mech) G6 staff, offers guidance as Sgt. Neil Uhles of Co. A, 133rd Bn. (Signal), 48th BCT, troubleshoots a network control center.

G6 staff keeps brigade team 'talking'

Division communications specialists oversee 48th BCT training for Iraq

By James Tamez

19th PAD

A unit's ability to communicate with higher headquarters and friendly units on today's battlefield is essential for victory and survival.

The mission of the 24th Infantry Division (Mech) G6 staff that recently completed temporary duty at Fort Stewart, Ga., was to maintain communications and oversee the communications train-up of the 48th Brigade Combat Team as it prepared for deployment to Iraq later this year.

"Supporting the 48th BCT is one of the core missions of the 24th Inf. Div.," said Maj. James Ball, the division's G6 officer-in-charge at Fort Stewart.

"They are one of the enhanced separate brigades that fall under the 24th Inf. Div. The mission is to conduct pre-mobilization operations, train the brigade to deploy to any location in order to conduct combat or stability and support operations and redeploy them to home station.

"We support the 24th Inf. Div. staff with their automation requirements, and we support the brigade by improving their communications abilities over tactical

and administrative local area networks," Ball explained.

"Communication is critical to any movement within the Army," said Chief Warrant Officer Jerlyn Allen, the division's G6 network management technician. She said the G6 works for the division commander by providing communication networks, laying out the groundwork for communications and helping to set up the network so individual sections within the division can perform their duties.

Allen said the networks that were set up included a non-secure Internet protocol routed network for general use and a tactical area communications network.

Mission changed

Allen said her mission has changed since her arrival at Fort Stewart, but it remains something she takes great pride in. "The mission has evolved in such a way that we are now assisting Company A, 133rd Battalion (Signal), 48th BCT, with mobile subscriber equipment planning, automation planning, network planning and oversight of their training," she explained.

"During the evaluation of the 133rd's mobile subscriber network, we found several training

shortages," said Sgt. Maj. Patricia Decoster, the division's G6 non-commissioned-officer-in-charge.

"We coordinated with Fort Riley's 331st Signal Company ... for two signal NCOs to extend a week at Fort Stewart. The NCOs trained the 133rd Soldiers on multiple tasks. A few were troubleshooting procedures, crash recovery procedures, zone restrictions and authorizations, generating COMSEC (communications security) lists and overseeing monthly COMSEC changes."

Allen said the G6 has helped the 48th establish three networks and assisted them in other ways.

"We have given them guidance and information and helped them with their exercises," Allen said. "We will also play a part in their Capstone (training). If there is something that they don't know as far as networking or automation, we will assist them with that." The Army Capstone Program

teaches a unit to plan and train with the other units they will be aligned with when they deploy. It also allows the commanders to enter into cohesive planning and training associations with their designated wartime command.

Some head for Irwin

Allen added that some Soldiers from the division's G6 would be traveling to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif. NTC is structured to replicate a deployment to an overseas forward operating theater, the conduct of operations within the theater and redeployment to a unit's home station.

"We want the 48th to go to Iraq fully trained and with all the equipment that they need," Allen said. "We assisted them in getting over 400 computers, servers, networking equipment, radios and other equipment that will really upgrade their mission capabilities.

We will send them to school at Fort Stewart or any other location in the United States to be fully trained so they can go and perform their missions to the best of their abilities."

Ball stressed the importance of preparing the 48th BCT as a part of the overall mission of the Army in the post-Sept. 11, 2001, world.

"In today's world, communication needs advance rapidly," Ball said. "Technological improvements increase the complexity involved in encrypting and securing information. The Army is moving towards a digitized battlefield and critical information is always time-sensitive. Soldiers' lives and mission success often depends on our ability to communicate. We have the knowledge and expertise to train and pass on that knowledge to the 48th BCT."

Pfc. James Tamez was on assignment with the 24th Inf. Div. (Mech) at Fort Stewart, Ga.

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BOSS plans table tourney

The Medical Department Activity representatives with Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers will sponsor a post wide ping-pong tournament from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 10 at King Field House.

All the units on post have been invited to send five to seven representatives to play for their unit.

For more information, call Pvt. Timothy Smith at 239-7131 or Pfc. Lola Logan at 239-7163.

Archers to vie for 'top gun'

The Outdoor Recreation Center staff will sponsor a Top Gun 3D Archery Shoot Out Tournament beginning at 9 a.m. April 9 on the center's range.

Cost is free for archers 5 to 7 years old, \$3 for archers 8 to 11 years old and \$5 for archers 12 years and older.

Tournament categories are "Bow Hunter" and "Open." The tournament will consist of a round robin tournament with unknown distance for each target.

Lunch will be provided by a family readiness group.

For more information, call 239-2249.

All-Army hoop players sought

Player applications for the All Army Men's Basketball Team are due April 20.

Applications should be faxed to DSN 491-2337, DSN 491-2802, (717) 861-2337 or (717) 861-2802.

For more information, call DSN 491-2647 or (717) 861-2647 or visit www.armymwr.com.

Memorial run set in Topeka

The 10th annual Topeka Donor Memorial Run for Life will take place April 2 at Washburn University. The run includes a 10-mile relay and 2-mile run/walk.

All event proceeds benefit the Topeka Organ Transplant Organization.

Late registration, packet pickup and a participant reception will take place from 5 to 7:30 p.m. April 1 at Whiting Fieldhouse, 19th and Mulvane Streets, at Washburn University. Late registration and packet pickup will also take place from 7 to 8 a.m. April 2 at the same location. A health and fitness expo is planned from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Official start for runners, walkers and relays is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. An awards ceremony is planned for 10:45 a.m. For more information, visit www.RunForLife.us.

Center offers archery class

The Fort Riley Outdoor Recreation Center, 9011 Rifle Range Road, will offer an archery familiarization class at its range on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 to 5 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 to 10 a.m. through April 7.

Cost for each class attended is \$2, and attendance can be in those classes that fit the individual's schedule.

An archery top gun competition is scheduled for 9 a.m. April 9.

For more information, call 239-2363 or 239-6368.

Valorous coaches share support

By Bob Reinert
Army News Service

FORT LEWIS, Wash. — They are in different arenas now, separated by thousands of miles, yet they draw strength from one another.

Mike Krzyzewski coaches the Duke University men's basketball team and this past week he was in the thick of the NCAA tournament.

At the same time in Mosul, Iraq, Col. Bob Brown was experiencing

his own brand of "March Madness." Brown also was leading men in uniform — the Lancers of the 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division.

To motivate his team, Krzyzewski reminded the Blue Devils of the sacrifices made by members of Brown's Stryker Brigade Combat Team from Fort Lewis.

"I tell our team to be happy in your moment," Krzyzewski said. "To think about what these people

are doing for our country is amazing. I am so proud of what Bob Brown and our troops are doing. It absolutely keeps everything in perspective about how lucky we are."

The admiration travels in both directions. As they face their own, more dangerous "moment," his troops benefit from lessons Brown learned from Krzyzewski a quarter-century ago at the U.S. Military Academy. Krzyzewski coached Brown for three years at the academy, from 1977 to 1980.

"Team building is the No. 1 lesson," Brown said. "The strength of the SBCT is our teamwork with our great assets and marvelous Soldiers. Loyalty, discipline, pride and the value of hard work are several other things learned from Coach K."

Brown remembered that Krzyzewski always demanded a full effort from his players.

"He ... never accepted excuses about the tough military training or 23 credit hours a semester. He had

been through West Point, as well," Brown said. "One time, he benched me for not playing tough defense."

"He put me in in the second half and I stole the ball three times and dunked each time. We won the game."

Krzyzewski moved on to Duke before Brown's senior year, when the Black Knights struggled to a 7-19 record. Brown was a co-captain

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Hand stand

Youth train to become gymnasts

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

When you giggle, you get hurt in gymnastics," Ms. Bett warned her young students, but any spectator would say the kids obviously were having fun while working to perfect their "tricks."

"Tricks" was the word 5-year-old Ford Harder used to describe the acrobatic feats his teacher, Babette Ingles, asked each of her students to perform. Ford is the youngest member, and the only boy to ever be a member, of the gymnastics exhibition team that practices every Thursday at the teen center on post.

The team usually numbers 10 youngsters of different ages. Only nine members train with the team now, but Ms. Bett had a potential member for the team training with the group for the first time March 24.

The exhibition team doesn't compete in gymnastics meets, but it sometimes travels to post schools to demonstrate what gymnastics is and what children can learn in the classes available at the teen center.

She wasn't giggling, but soon after the practice began, 7-year-old Kathryn Hager landed a little off-balance and hurt her ankle, bringing tears to her eyes and a little crying to ease the pain.

Ms. Bett checked the ankle, soothed the young gymnast and encouraged her to sit and rest a while. It wasn't too long before Ford landed hard off the mat and hurt his foot. Some more soothing words and a careful examination led Ms. Bett to the conclusion his ankle was fine, but she wrapped it in elastic tape to give it some support and give the young gymnast a little confidence that he could continue.

Kathryn got her ankle wrapped, too.

"They love to get wrapped," Ms. Bett said with a smile. It doesn't hurt to wrap them, she said. Then, turning her attention to the other students, Ms. Bett reminded them, "Make sure those knees bend. You can't land with your knees stiff or you're going to hurt your lower back."

The rest of the session ended without further injuries despite all the twists, turns, leaps and handsprings everyone attempted. Some feats were attempted in succession, such as the running roundoff with a back handspring.

Throughout the practice, Ms. Bett asked the young gymnasts what they had done wrong or what they saw their teammates do wrong, always trying to point out what they

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Gymnastics instructor Babette Ingles helps 9-year-old Ashley Locklear complete a back handstand while 5-year-old Jasmine Campbell looks on.

Co-ed softball league forming

Soldiers, spouses, DA civilians eligible to compete

Staff report

The Fort Riley Sports Department is organizing a co-ed summer softball league that will run from May 11 to Aug. 15.

The league is open to active duty military, their spouses, Department of the Army civilians and contractors working on Fort Riley.

The sports department staff is encouraging Fort Riley housing areas, civilian directorates and contracting companies to form teams within their own organizations, but eligible participants may combine players in any fashion to make a team as long as the team composition meets the gender requirements.

A team must consist of 10 players (five males and five females) with the following position requirements: two males and two females in the infield and in the outfield and one male and one female as pitcher or catcher.

The team entry fee for this league is \$120 payable when the team is registered.

Teams must register at the Fort Riley Sports Office, Building 202, by the close of business April 27. The sports office is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Each team must complete an official team roster, due no later than May 6.

More info

For more information or to register teams, call Barry Sunstrom at the sports office at 239-3945.

Army takes three boxing medals

By Tim Hipps
Army News Service

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — A young and inexperienced squad exhibited the All-Army boxing team's best performance in five years in the 2005 U.S. Amateur Boxing National Championships March 15 to 19 at the U.S. Olympic Training Center.

Although the Soldiers didn't produce any national champions,

All-Army Coach Basheer Abdullah said they exceeded his expectations.

Spc. Christina Brown won a silver medal in the women's 165-pound weight class. Staff Sgt. Christopher Downs and 1st Lt. Boyd Melson won bronze medals in the men's 178- and 152-pound divisions, respectively.

Six Soldiers reached the quarterfinals, including Sgt. Joe Guzman (201 pounds) and Spc. David Gallegos (141 pounds), both of

Fort Carson, Colo., and Sgt. Lavalle Viridiana (119 pounds) of Fort Myer, Va.

Brown, a 6-foot, 3-inch multi-sport athlete stationed at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., lost her gold medal bout to Baltimore's Franchon Crews when the referee stopped the contest 67 seconds into the first round. The much shorter and stockier Crews attacked from the opening bell

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Spc. Christina Brown (right) of Fort Huachuca, Ariz., defeats Emery Hernandez of Sterling, Ill., in the women's 165-pound semifinals of the U.S. Amateur Boxing National Championships March 18.

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Sports news in brief

Department wants teachers

The fitness department is looking for new fitness instructors to teach aerobic/kick boxing classes. Individuals certified by well-recognized associations, such as ACSM, AFAA or ACE will be considered. Anyone interested can send a resume to Building 202, Custer Avenue, fax it to 239-6870 or call 239-2813 for more information.

Sports office offers activities

April 4 – 11:15 a.m., fitness assessment
April 4 – 5:45 to 6:45 p.m., Cardio Pump Aerobics, King Field House
April 4 – Noon to 1 p.m., Fitness Yoga, King Field House
April 5 – 9 to 11 a.m., Mommy and Me Time, Long Pool
April 5 – 9:45 to 10:45 a.m., Cardio Training Express I
April 5 – 5:45 to 6:45 p.m., Target Heart Rate Training
April 6 – 5:45 to 6:45 p.m., Cardio Pump Aerobics, King Field House
April 7 – Noon to 1 p.m., Fitness Yoga, King Field House
April 7 – 9:45 to 10:45 a.m., Cardio Training Express II
April 8 – 7 to 10 p.m., Friday Family Fun Night
 For more information, call 239-2813.

Scavenger challenge set

Families can exercise, have fun, search for clues and maybe win prizes by participating in the Fort Riley Scavenger Challenge 2005 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. April 23. Families will be allowed walk, bike or rollerblading around Main Post, visiting historic points of interest in search of clues. Prizes and games are planned along the route. Light snacks also will be provided. The hunt begins and ends at King Field House. Families can register between 9 and 10:30 a.m. the day of the hunt and door prizes will be drawn at 11:40 a.m. For more information, call 239-2813.

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and tallied more than 15 points in the opening minute.

"I was shocked," Brown, 24, said of Crews' aggressiveness. "I didn't think [her punches] were landing to the point where she was scoring that much."

Downs, 30, stationed at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, dropped a 21-12 decision to Brandon Gonzalez of San Jose, Calif., in the semifinals.

Downs' supervisors with the 127th Infantry Division at Forward Operating Base Warrior in Iraq allowed him to attend the All-Army boxing camp and compete in the 2005 Armed Forces Championships and U.S. National Championships. Downs qualified for a berth in the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program by

winning an Armed Forces crown. His performance in the amateur championships solidified the selection, Abdullah said.

Downs is 6 feet 4 inches tall but failed to use his reach advantage against Gonzalez, who threw much quicker punches. His Army teammates repeatedly yelled at Downs to "keep it long, keep it long," but he kept going inside and getting scored upon.

"I don't feel like I showed up tonight," Downs said after climbing from the ring. "It wasn't that I couldn't see the punches; I was just a little sluggish."

Tim Hipps writes for the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center Public Affairs Office.

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who averaged 19 points per game. "We had a rough season without him," said Brown, who was a 6-foot, 5-inch shooting guard. "I was averaging 23 points a game as a senior 14 games into the season, and then I tore my patellar tendon."

Of course, Krzyzewski's story is much more widely known than Brown's. In 25 years at Duke, he has won three national championships, more than 700 games and 12 national coach-of-the-year awards.

Brown graduated from West Point in 1981 after scoring 1,282 career points for the Black Knights. He embarked on his Army career and rose to his current rank of colonel and his position as commander of the 1st Bde., 25th Inf. Div.

Basketball no longer bound them together, but Krzyzewski and Brown never lost track of one another.

Krzyzewski and Brown's relationship came under the media spotlight at Christmas because of the coach's generosity. According to published reports, when it appeared that thousands of Christmas gifts for Brown's Soldiers in Iraq might go undelivered, Krzyzewski wrote a check for \$10,000 to pay for postage, arranged for 2,000 phone cards to be sent with them and spearheaded

a fundraising effort that netted another \$20,000 to assist Soldiers and their families.

In return, Brown's brigade sent each Duke player an American flag patch and a photo of the Soldier who had worn it on election day in Iraq.

Brown said that election day was "a great victory for freedom. We thought (the flags) would be a great symbol of victory for the Duke players."

Krzyzewski told the New York Times that Brown would one day be his third former player to become a general.

"He's going to be, when it's all said and done, one of the great Americans," Krzyzewski said about Brown.

Brown thinks just as highly of Krzyzewski.

"Coach K is truly a great man," Brown said. "I feel very blessed to have played for such a great man and learned so much from him."

And what of the largesize Krzyzewski has shown thousands of Stryker Brigade Soldiers in Iraq?

"Whatever Bob has said we at Duke have done for those Soldiers in Iraq," said Krzyzewski, "they have done so much more for us."

Bob Reinert writes for the Northwest Guardian newspaper at Fort Lewis, Wash.



Tiffany Vanzant (left), 7 1/2, and Molly McKay, 8, practice cartwheels while Ashley Arvin, 9, and Ford Harder, 5, wait for their turn under the watchful eyes of gymnastics instructor Babette Ingles.
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Gymnastics

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had to do to complete the move correctly.

When they did it correctly, the praise came quickly and often.

"That was awesome!" she said excitedly whenever one of her students performed well. She offered that compliment often even though she remarked to no one in particular that the March 24 practice was not up to the team's usual standard.

No one stood around during practice. The students stretched on their own, practiced with some of the equipment on their own or with a partner, and repeatedly ran through exercise drills at Ms. Bett's command.

For the casual observer, it looked like a lot of work even though most of the students said it was a lot of fun.

Tiffany Vanzant has spent 2 1/2 of her 7 1/2 years of life learning gymnastics from Ms. Bett. "It's fun and it's hard," she said, but the most fun is when the team plays "Freeze."

That's a game in which Ms. Bett plays music while the students perform their acrobatics. When the music stops, everyone must stop moving.

If they can't hold their position when the music stops, they're out, kind of like "Red Light, Green Light," a game popular with kids of the 1950s.

Gymnastics classes

Classes are offered Tuesday through Thursday with times set up each day for different age groups of gymnasts.

Cost is \$30 per month for regular gymnastics classes and \$40 per month for the Exhibition Team. Prices are discounted by \$5 if payments are made in person at the central registration office by the first of the month.

Tuesday classes run from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. for children 5 to 7 years old, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. for children 7 to 9 years old and 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. for children 10 to 15 years old.

Wednesday classes run from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. for children 3 to 5 years old, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. for children 4 to 6 years old and from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. for children 6 to 8 years old.

Thursday classes run from 5 to 6 p.m. for children 3 to 5 years old and from 6 to 7:30 p.m. for the Exhibition Team.

Parents must enroll their children at the central enrollment office in Building 6620.

Children must be registered with Child and Youth Services and must have a sports physical less than one year old.

Ten-year-old Courtney Lenzner has trained with Ms. Bett a year longer than Tiffany. She keeps coming back because she likes learning new "tricks," she said. The hardest "trick" she's learned is the back handspring, but the young gymnast said she likes doing all the acrobatics that require her to wind up "going over backward."

Ashley Locklear, 9, has been training in gymnastics for just a year but is already part of the exhibition team.

"I saw some girls at school do back bends and I wanted to learn," she said. Ashley has learned to do that and several other things, including what she thinks was the hardest combination to learn: a back walkover followed by a back handspring.

Ms. Bett reminds her students often that they need to concentrate, to see themselves completing each acrobatic move and combination. "Get your game face on," she encourages each one. Then she demands that they try again.

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Crafts center slates classes

April 3 - 1 to 4:30 p.m., scrapbooking get-together

April 4 - 7 p.m., crochet, knitting and cross-stitch

April 4 - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., wood safety orientation

April 5 - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., wood class (flower boxes)

April 5 - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., mold pouring

For more information, call the Arts and Crafts Center at 239-9205.

Teen Center posts schedule

April 1 - 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., midnight basketball

April 2 - 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., Worlds of Fun trip

April 8 - 8 to 10:30 p.m., middle school dance

For more information, call the Teen Center at 239-9222.

Car center offers free classes

The Auto Skills Center offers free basic and advanced automotive repair classes. The basic class is offered from 6 to 7 p.m. the first (April 7) and third Thursday of each month. The advanced class is offered from 6 to 7 p.m. every second and fourth Thursday.

For more information, call 239-9764.

Rally Point sets entertainment

April 3 - 7 p.m., WWE pay-per-view Wrestlemania 21 on TV

April 6 - 5 to 9 p.m., Wednesday Wing Night

April 8 - 5 to 8 p.m., Family Night with family friendly movie, music and buffet

For more information, call 784-5434

Landscaping class organized

The staff at the Fort Riley Outdoor Recreation Center is coordinating a basic landscaping class to be given from 1 to 2 p.m. April 9 at West Acres Nursery, 2516 W. Kansas Highway 18, Junction City. Cost is free but those interested are asked to register with Outdoor Rec by calling 239-2249.

Participants will have the opportunity to learn how to design and prepare plant beds and proper plants for the Fort Riley area.

Scouts seek summer help

The Girl Scouts are looking for volunteers who can devote at least two hours each week for two months this summer on post. No Girl Scout experience is needed. The Scouts are looking for high school students and adults.

To volunteer or for more information, call (800) 432-0286, extension 44, and ask for Nina Keeler, member services manager.

Pool hosts Family Night

Family Fun Night is scheduled for 7 to 10 p.m. April 8 and April 22 at the Long Fitness Center pool, Building 8069 on Custer Hill. Cost is \$5 per family, \$1 per guest, passes not included.

For more information, call 239-5888.

Chapel offers marriage seminars

By Jay Baker

Public affairs intern

There is no such thing as a perfect marriage. Anyone who believes they have one needs to run to the Morris Hill Chapel Marriage Enrichment Seminar, said Chap. (Capt.) James Blount, assistant leader of the program.

The Morris Hill Chapel congregation sponsors the seminars. The interactive group sessions meet from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. the first and third Mondays of every month at

Morris Hill Chapel. Free childcare is available.

Blount and Chap. (Lt. Col.) Don German facilitate the sessions together, using the Divorce Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program, offering thoroughly studied and proven techniques for learning relationship-building skills, Blount said.

The chaplains teach PREP skills presented in the book "A Lasting Promise," a Christian-focused book derived from "Fighting for Your Marriage." Those skills help individuals fix relationships by changing

their behavior, Blount said.

"The books teach the same techniques, but the difference is that the book we use lists scripture to validate the assertions made by the authors," Blount said, "while the original book relies on behavioral science and psychology."

"When we read in the book that we should treat our wife as we want to be treated, we look to the Bible and see 'do unto others as you would have others do unto you,'" he added.

"During the discussion, people bring up individual issues related to

the chapters. We try not to do any individual counseling but will set appointments if anyone needs it," he said.

Each session offers something new. People who come for the first time will not miss anything that they can't pick up. Each session covers a different chapter in the book. The next session is April 4.

The workshop is not just for Christians or even married couples only, Blount said.

"We think couples need this kind of training before they get married. The Army trains Soldiers before

they go to work, but couples aren't required to have any training before they get married."

"The program is open to dating couples, engaged couples and we encourage spouses of deployed Soldiers to come and learn these communication skills," he said.

Blount said the program is strictly a marriage enrichment seminar and not a church service.

"In the hour and a half of the session, we will talk about things that will re-develop dedication, appreciation and love for your spouse," Blount said.

'I am woman'



Post/Heronemus

Members of the Morris Hill Chapel Praise Dancers perform their interpretation of the song "Still I Rise" at the Fort Riley Women's History Month observance March 23 at Riley's Conference Center.

Post observes Women's History Month

By Mike Heronemus

Editor

Applause seemed to embarrass some of those who stood when their name was called and they sat while the speaker offered a short bio of a few Soldiers and civilians she introduced as "our own heroes and women who change America."

Col. Marilyn Brooks, Medical Department Activity and Irwin Army Community Hospital commander, spoke March 23 at the Women's History Month observance luncheon in Riley's Conference Center.

She introduced these "heroes and women who change America" at the Women's History Month observance luncheon as a few examples of the many Fort Riley Soldiers and civilians deserving of that title:

- Roshanda Bost, patient administration technician at Irwin Army Community Hospital;

- Sgt. Levonda Heartsfield, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison;

- Maj. Cara Alexander, commander, 82nd Medical Company (Air Ambulance);

- Sgt. Kelsie Crenshaw, equipment repairman, 125th Forward Support Battalion;

ion;

- Spc. Ajita Curry, administrative and postal specialist, HHC, 1st Brigade Combat Team

- Mrs. Kathy Bishop, spouse of Col. David Bishop, commander of the deployed 3rd BCT.

- Mrs. Bridgette Todisman, spouse of Spc. Monte Todisman, deployed with the 70th Engineer Battalion.

Brooks talked earlier about two women who stand out as someone who made a difference in America. One was Cathay Williams; the other was Eleanor Roosevelt.

Williams was born a slave in 1842 and became the only documented African-American woman to serve in U.S. Army in the 19th century, masquerading as a man and serving with the 38th U.S. Infantry, which later became the 24th U.S. Infantry.

She served for two years, until her masquerade was uncovered during a medical examination and she was given an honorable discharge.

"Her duty was not especially noteworthy," Brooks said. "By documented accounts, she was a regular Soldier duty - train, train, train."

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Carla Nwoga, director of the Morris Hill Chapel Praise Dancers, gestures during the group's performance at the Women's History Month luncheon.

Events highlight Month of Child

Scheduled activities offer variety

By April Blackmon

Staff writer

April is Month of the Military Child and Child Abuse Prevention Month. This year's campaign is "Protecting All Our Children, All the Time!"

The Fort Riley and Junction City communities have been working together to set up a variety of events for the month, said Carolyn Tolliver-Lee, Fort Riley community prevention educator.

"It is no secret that child mistreatment occurs each day around the nation. We come together to try to promote the well-being and wellness of children through this campaign," she said.

Events begin April 1 with a Fort Riley Child Development Center parade at 3:30 p.m. at the CDC.

"I'd like to encourage all those to come out and participate in the events that we have prepared. Everything is free," said Tolliver-Lee. "I'd like for them to come out, bring their children, have a good family event, and let's talk about raising healthy, safe children in our community."

Events

All events are free and open to the public, unless otherwise noted. For more information, call 239-9435.

April 1 - CDC Kickoff parade, 3:30 p.m., Fort Riley Child Development Center

April 2 - Children's book character party, 10 a.m., Dorothy Bramlage Library, Junction City; Fort Riley Teen Center Open House, 2-6 p.m.

See Page 12 for more events

Army's top NCO tours privatized housing

By Kafita Hosh

Army News Service

FORT BELVOIR, Va. - Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth O. Preston received a detailed tour March 14 of homes built under the Residential Communities Initiative at Fort Belvoir, Va.

RCI has placed military housing under private enterprise at 21 installations, giving management

of about 50,000 houses to private housing development companies.

Fort Riley is in the process of setting up privatized housing on post.

Since January, RCI developers have built more new homes for families at Fort Belvoir, Va., Fort Bragg, N.C., Fort Stewart, Ga., and Presidio of Monterey, Calif., said Ivan Bolden, director of policy, RCI. An additional six installations have been targeted for privatiza-

tion within the first six months of this year, he said.

Fort Belvoir Garrison Commander Col. T. W. Williams, Fort Belvoir's Command Sgt. Maj. Andre' Douglas and a handful of Fort Belvoir Residential Communities officials guided Preston around Herriford Village, the newest neighborhood on Belvoir, updating him on the installation's experience with privatized hous-

ing. As sergeant major of the Army, Preston oversees the quality of life of all enlisted Soldiers.

In an effort to display the fruit of RCI's labor, Preston is preparing to invite members of Congress' House Armed Services Committee to a D.C.-area installation with privatized housing and facilities, according to his public affairs advisor, Master Sgt. Jose

Velazquez.

Preston visited Fort Meade, Md., last winter, and wanted to assess Fort Belvoir as well before deciding which post will serve as a Congressional model for the privatized housing initiative.

During the Herriford Village tour, Preston looked at an empty town home while FBRC personnel explained the unit's amenities.

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Community news briefly

BOSS offers Net Cafe meeting

April 6 – 3:30 p.m., meeting at the Internet Cafe. For more information, call 239-8147.

Family programs schedule 'Fling'

The Exceptional Family Member Program and the New Parent Support Program will host a Spring Fling from 10 a.m. to noon April 30 at the Soldier and Family Support Center, Building 7264. Participants will make May Day baskets, design and decorate May Poles and fly kites. Participants need to be enrolled in the programs and should RSVP to 239-9435 by April 24 to indicate they will attend.

Program looks at behavior

Lee Stickle, an autism coordinator with the Neurological Disability Support Project, Department of Special Education, will present a program at the Teen Center from 6 to 8 p.m. April 26. She will talk about types of resources available to support parents and caregivers of children with behavioral issues, explain how to ignore attention-seeking behaviors and discuss techniques in redirecting aggressive behaviors in older children. Those interested in attending should call the Exceptional Family Member Program representative at 239-9435 by April 14.

Thrift Shop open to everyone

No military ID is needed to shop at the Post Thrift Shop in Building 267 on Stuart Avenue, next to the stables. Family Readiness Groups may reserve space in the store from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 2 or May 7 to sell items to make money for FRG support activities.

Store hours for shopping are 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the first Saturday of each month.

Consignments are accepted 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays and 10 a.m. to noon the first Saturday of every month. The store allows 15 items per consignment, but only seven items of clothing. All consignments must be clean and in good condition. The store is not accepting consignments of summer clothing.

Volunteers are always needed and welcomed. Reimbursement is available for volunteers needing childcare, and volunteers receive 25 percent off all Thrift Shop merchandise bought the day they volunteer.

For more information, call 784-3874.

Youth can apply for scholarships

Combined Scholarship Committee scholarship applications are available online at www.riley.army.mil. Click on the Current News link and scroll down to Briefs. Click on CSC Scholarship Application and follow the directions to fill out the application.

Copies of the application also are available from guidance counselors at local high schools, the Soldier and Family Support Center, Fort Riley Thrift Shop and the Education Center.

Applications must be submitted by April 15. Scholarships will be awarded in May and will be for the 2005 fall semester.

Applicants must be a family member graduating high school or currently enrolled as a college or vocational school student (must have a high school diploma or GED certificate) or the spouse of any active duty member assigned to Ft Riley, retired military member or deceased military member of the greater Fort Riley community.

For more information, call Shawni Sticca, scholarship committee chairperson at 784-3191.

Association seeks walkers

The American Heart Association is seeking teams of walkers to participate in the American Heart Walk at 2:30 p.m. May 1 at South Park in Junction City. Funds raised from the American Heart Walk go directly to support lifesaving research, professional education and community programs that help people survive America's No. 1 and No. 3 killers, heart disease and stroke.

Participants cannot solicit funds on post without permission to do so.

For more information about the walk or about forming teams, call (800) 590-5613, extension 4086, or 210-7506.

Square dancers offer lessons

The Buckles & Bows Square Dance Club will be offering dance lessons with caller Kevin Oneslanger from Lawrence from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on four consecutive Saturdays, April 2, 9, 16 and 23.

The cost will be \$30 for singles and \$60 for couples, and a potluck lunch will be provided each Saturday.

For more information, call 238-5492.

Storytime tells about big love

The story for April 2 is "Guess How Much I Love You," by Sam McBratney.

After the story, listeners will make growth charts to mark how big they are.

The library's new animal for April will be the monkey with the featured author being H.A. Rey, author of the classic Curious George books.

All children are welcome but must be accompanied by a caregiver. There is no charge.

Storytime is every Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at the Post Library, Building 5306, on Custer Hill. Library hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays. The library is closed Mondays.

For more information, call the library at 239-9582.

'Friends' want pet pictures

Friends of Animals, a local group that works in concert with Fort Riley and Geary, Riley and Dickinson Counties to find foster or permanent homes for abandoned or stray animals, wants pet owners' favorite pictures of their animals.

A \$5 contest entry fee must accompany each photo. Photos that are five inches by seven inches are preferred. The top 12 to 18 photos will appear on the calendar.

Deadline for entry is April 1. Entries should be mailed to Friends of Animals, P.O. Box 580, Junction City, KS 66441 or e-mailed to jeanette.demars@jeks.com.

Voting by donations will be done April 16 during the Junction City Business Association's Showcase at the Courtyard by Marriott in Junction City.

Owners who want their photos returned should include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with the photo.

Family program offers workshop

The Fort Riley Family Advocacy Program and other community organizations will present an informal networking workshop from 10 a.m. to noon April 12 at Riley's Convention Center.

Information provided will include key prevention strategies for child abuse, childcare requirements of Central Registration on post, baby-sitter requirements at Fort Riley and housing policies and procedures.

Refreshments and on-site childcare will be provided. Attendees must register early to obtain childcare.

Register at the Soldier and Family Support Center, Building 7264 or by e-mail at site 2665@riley.army.mil.



Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth O. Preston tours the new home of Angie Moergeli, Colby Hurd, 7, and Layne Moergeli, 4, at Herriford Village on Fort Belvoir.

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To get a sense of the tenants' experiences, Preston also stopped by some of the occupied homes, including that of Air Force Staff Sgt. Lisa Ferguson and her husband, Jay Ferguson.

Preston asked the family how they enjoyed their new community thus far. He also asked for their feedback.

Staff Sgt. Ferguson said she is pleased with the housing.

"It doesn't even compare [to other housing]. It's unbelievable," she gushed about her three-bedroom colonial townhome.

The Fergusons were among the first tenants to move into Herriford Village in January when they relocated to the area from South Carolina.

FBRC personnel briefed the sergeant major on the Army and Air Force Exchange Services shopping area under construction in the Herriford Village community.

The center is slated to open the first week of July and will include a bookstore and electronic retailers as well as a day spa.

"The goal here is kind of to turn this thing into a downtown feel,"

Clark Pinnacle project director Chris Guidi, told Preston, as he pointed to the building site.

There also will be two-story townhomes above the shopping area. These units are intended for servicemembers without children, because they are only accessible by a staircase.

"We're going to play it by ear and open it up to families that are the demographic," Guidi said.

Douglas noted that Fort Belvoir is a premier example of privatized housing, reflecting the overall transformation of the Army, as more installations aesthetically mirror civilian societies.

"Our houses are equivalent to how it looks off post," he said.

Preston said he was thoroughly impressed with the new housing on post, as he was able to witness the concept of RCI put to work.

"It's a stepping stone to where the Army is going and he's able to take that back" to the legislators, Douglas said of Preston's visit.

"He sees it first hand."

The Army's success is contingent upon the quality of life it can provide for its Soldiers, Preston

has said. "We've always said that you enlist the Soldier, but you retain the family," he said, noting that half the Army's personnel are married.

Williams reiterated Preston's sentiment, adding that the retention of Soldiers also rests upon their living and situational statuses.

"If you don't treat Soldiers as well as the people they defend," then they are less likely to continue to serve, he said.

Through RCI, the Army provides developers with a long-term interest in both land and family housing assets for redevelopment, program officials noted. The initiative is creating communities on Army installations to provide military personnel with quality housing comparable to civilian communities.

The Army RCI program was created as part of the 1996 Defense Authorization Act.

Kafia Hosh writes for the Belvoir Eagle newspaper. ARNEWS reporter Jonathan Marcus contributed to this article.

Military Child Month events

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April 4, 11, 18, 25 – Early childhood play groups, 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Junction City Municipal Building

April 6, 13, 20, 27 – Early childhood play groups, 3:30 p.m., Junction City Municipal Building

April 7 – Love and Logic parent class, 6:15-8:15 p.m., Soldier and Family Support Center, Bldg. 7264

April 9 – Pancake breakfast, 10-10:45 a.m., SAS, Bldg. 6620, Fort Riley; Geary County-Fort Riley Community Fair, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Junction City Municipal Building

April 12 – "Keys for Community Resources," 10 a.m. to noon, Riley's Convention Center

April 14 – National Library Week pajama party, 7 p.m., Dorothy Bramlage Library, Junction City

April 15 – Informational outreach, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Fort Riley Post Exchange

April 16 – Storytime, "Caps for Sale," 1:30 p.m., Fort Riley Library

April 20 – Wellness Fair, 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., Fort Riley Middle School, Irwin Army Community Hospital outreach booth, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., IACH

April 25 – Deployed Spouse Program, "Child lures" workshop, noon to 3 p.m., Soldier and Family Support Center, Bldg. 7264

April 26 – Effectiveness techniques to address behavioral issues with older children," 6-8 p.m., Fort Riley Teen Center

April 29 – Family Fun Night, 5-8 p.m., Rally Point, Fort Riley

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Col. Marilyn Brooks, Irwin Army Community Hospital commander, talks about women heroes who changed America during her speech for Women's History Month. *Post/Heronemus*



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packing, guard duty and train some more.

"Cathay Williams was an unlikely trailblazer or pioneer. She was uneducated, maybe not even particularly intelligent. Her career was not marked by brilliance. She received no string of medals. No battlefields, installations or hospitals are named after her. But one thing we can never take away," Brooks said, "she was courageous, and she was a pioneer. Her lack of fame, her very ordinariness is what made her life significant. She wanted to serve, and she did."

Roosevelt earned the respect of the world population in general because of her willingness and drive to stand up for individual human rights.

"Eleanor was truly a woman some might say was born before her time. I say she was born just at the right time," Brooks said. "Our country and our world needed this woman. Not only did she change America, she changed the entire world."

The former president's spouse

lived each day with enthusiasm, Brooks said, and was interested in making a difference for those who were less fortunate. After marrying the man who would become president, she became involved in politics and championed many of her grassroots projects, Brooks said.

What makes Eleanor's contributions significant is that she went against the odds and the expected to set a new precedent, Brooks summarized.

Part of this year's observance of Women's History Month at Fort Riley included a special performance by the Praise Dancers of the Morris Hill Chapel gospel congregation. Members of the group presented an interpretation of "Still I Rise," a song that tells of the human spirit overcoming adversity and reaching for a higher level of existence.

Music before and after the observance was provided by two musicians who play for gospel worship services at Morris Hill Chapel and a third who plays in Manhattan.

By Nancy Dunn
Army News Service

FORT LEE, Va. — The U.S. Army Women's Museum celebrates its 50th anniversary this year and women representing decades of service to the nation are scheduled to reunite there April 27-30.

Some of the women will have just returned from duty in Iraq; others will come with white hair and canes — all to celebrate their service and that of those who came before them.

Located inside the main gate of Fort Lee, Va., the Army Women's Museum is a new structure, filled with artifacts and exhibits that trace the history of women and the Army from the Revolutionary War to Iraq.

It is the only museum in the world dedicated to Army women, officials said. The latest exhibit, "Women Pioneers in the JAG Corps," opened in January.

WAC Museum founded at McClellan

The current Army Women's Museum traces its heritage to the WAC Museum at Fort McClellan, Ala.

The first museum began in one



File photo

The U.S. Army Women's Museum moved into a new building at Fort Lee, Va., in 2001, but traces its lineage to the WAC Museum at Fort McClellan, Ala., founded in 1955.

room of the WAC Training Center at Fort McClellan in 1955. Women's training had moved there from Fort Lee in 1954.

Suitable artifacts and photographs were found. On May 15, 1955, the museum was officially dedicated after a move to a wing of Munson Hall, the WAC Training Battalion Headquarters.

Museum built by selling bricks

By 1969, many, including Col. Shirley Heinze, the WAC Center commander, felt it was time to

build a real museum. The WAC Foundation, a private, non-profit organization, was incorporated to raise funds to support the WAC Museum.

Edwards, who was instrumental in raising money for the museum, said, "I suggested we get bricks and sell them to raise money. Heinze called me and told me she had my bricks. She had an entire 18-wheeler full of bricks. She told me we were going to have to find a place to put them. We had to haul them all to the basement of Company A, 2nd WAC Training Battalion."

"We had bricks everywhere. For \$5 anyone could buy a brick, auto-

2005 Reunion

Who can attend: All Army women - active Army, Army Reserve, National Guard and retired — their friends and the general public.

How to register: Go to www.awmfdn.org and click on events to download a schedule of events, registration form and hotel information.

graph it and give it back to build the museum.

"Everybody bought bricks - the troops, employees at Anniston Army Depot and the people of the city of Anniston. The bricks were used to build the new museum and everyone owned a part of it," Edwards said.

Fort McClellan was located near Anniston Army Depot and the town of Anniston, Ala.

From 1969 to 1977, the WAC Foundation raised more than \$400,000 completely from private sources. Although Anniston businesses and citizens made substantial donations, much of the money came from small, individual contributions. The Foundation hired an Anniston architect and built the new museum.

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Leisuretime ideas

Topeka:

What: "Man of LaMancha." Topeka Civic Theatre performance.

When: Dinner at 6 p.m., show at 8 p.m. through April 2.

Where: 3028 SW 8th Avenue, Topeka Civic Theatre & Academy

Phone: (785) 357-5211

Admission: Show \$18; dinner \$16

What: Beyond Lewis and Clark: The Army Explores the West. This traveling exhibit, marks the 200th anniversary of the Lewis and Clark expedition and its impact on the West.

When: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday; 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, closed all state holidays, through Aug. 14

Where: 6425 SW Sixth Avenue, Kansas Museum of History

Phone: (785) 272-8681

Admission: Adult \$4; senior (60 and over) \$3; student (K-12, college students with ID) \$2; children 5 and under admitted free when with an adult

What: Tulip Time. Woodland garden with thousands of tulips and daffodils open for public to enjoy the beauty in mid-April.

When: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily April 13-24

Where: 4536 SW Elevation Lane

Phone: (785) 478-4624

Admission: \$4.50 advance, \$5 at gate

Wamego:

What: "Joseph & the Amaz-

ing Technicolor Dreamcoat." A retelling of the Old Testament story of Jacob and his 12 sons. The story for this all-sung piece contains a good deal of humor, including just the right amount of camp, some lessons on forgiveness and maturity, and a sufficient level of drama.

When: April 22-24, April 28 through May 1 and May 5-8; Thursday, Friday and Saturday buffet at 6 p.m. with performance at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday buffet at 12:30 p.m. with performance at 2 p.m.

Cost (tax included): Adult buffet \$17.13; show \$19.80

Phone: (800) 899-1893

Holton:

What: 8th annual American Indian Artifacts Show.

When: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 8

Where: 4-H fair building
Phone: (785) 364-3238
Admission: \$2

Fort Scott:

What: Civil War Encampment. Civil War history as the Union army re-occupies Fort Scott. Living history camp, demonstrations, and Saturday evening programs.

When: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 9 and 10

Where: Old Fort Boulevard, Fort Scott National Historic Site

Phone: (620) 223-0310

Admission: \$3 for 17 and older; under 16 free

Baxter Springs:

What: Living History Week. Re-enactors present seven live stations concerning events in

Baxter Springs in the 1880s.

When: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 12-14

Where: 740 East Avenue, Baxter Springs Heritage Center and Museum

Phone: (620) 856-2385

Admission: Free

Wichita:

What: Puccini's "La Boheme." Paris, the city of love, sets the stage for the season finale tale of timeless love in this most beloved opera.

When: 8 p.m. April 2 and 3 p.m. April 3

Where: 225 W. Douglas, Century II Concert Hall, Wichita Grand Opera

Phone: (316) 683-3444

Web site: www.wichitagrand-opera.org

Admission: \$30-\$90

What: Wichita Symphony Orchestra Classics Concert. Guest artist is national favorite pianist Garrick Ohlsson.

When: 8 p.m. April 9 and 3 p.m. April 10

Where: 225 W. Douglas, Century II Concert Hall

Phone: (316) 267-7658

Admission: \$13-\$29

Winfield:

What: 2nd biennial Walnut Valley Quilt Guild-Traditions Quilt Show. No strollers; no children under 6 years.

When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 2 and noon to 5 p.m. April 3

Where: 300 N. Viking Boulevard

Phone: (620) 221-1520

Admission: \$5, good for both days

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Leisuretime ideas

At the movies:

The Barlow Theater doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$3.50 for adults and \$1.75 for children 11 and under. Children under age 5 are free except during children's matinees or expected sell-outs.

April 1, 7 – Hitch (PG-13)

April 2 – Constantine (R)

April 3 – Because of Winn-Dixie (PG)

April 8, 10 – The Pacifier (PG)

April 9 – Man Of the House (PG-13)

April 14 – Cursed (PG-13)

April 15 – Million Dollar Baby (PG-13)

April 16, 21 – Diary of a Mad Black Woman (PG-13)

For more information, call (785) 784-2226 or 784-2640.

Manhattan:

What: SpringDance 2005. Leap into spring with the KSU Dance program as faculty, students and a professional guest artist present a program representing a variety of dance styles.

When: 8 p.m. April 8-9

Where: McCain Auditorium on the Kansas State University campus

Admission: \$11, general public, \$7, students and senior citizens. Groups of 10 or more may receive a discounted rate.

Phone: (785) 532-6857

Lawrence:

What: Zuill Bailey, cello.

Accompanied by pianist Robert Koenig

When: 2 p.m., April 3

Where: 1600 Stewart Drive, Lied Center of Kansas

Phone: (785) 864-2787

Admission: Varies

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What: "Miss Saigon." Set in the final days leading up to the American evacuation of Saigon in 1975, a gripping story of two young lovers torn apart by the fortunes of destiny and held together by a burning passion and the fate of a small child.

When: 7:30 p.m. April 5 and 6

Where: 1600 Stewart Drive, Lied Center of Kansas

Phone: (785) 864-2787

Admission: Varies

Leavenworth:

What: 6th annual antique show

When: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., April 2 and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., April 3

Where: 123 S. Esplanade, Riverfront Community Center

Phone: (913) 758-0193 or (800) 844-4114

Admission: Varies

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Who's the real Emma Chase?

By Dave Redmon

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When she was fresh out of Chase County Community High School, Sue Smith bought her own cemetery lot. She picked a spot not far from where she grew up along Kansas Highway 177, now part of the Flint Hills Scenic Byway that stretches nearly 50 miles between Council Grove and Cassoday.

"It's in the Bazaar Cemetery because the view's so good," said Sue, now 60.

It was no surprise, then, when she returned to her roots six years ago. Her marriage to her first husband had taken her to Department of the Interior jobs at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Kansas, Missouri, Tennessee, Louisiana, the District of Columbia and Texas.

In the Lone Star state, she raised and traded quarter horses and did day work as a cowboy near Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Reserve in the Rio Grande valley. It was there she met and married Monty Smith, a long-time friend from Harlingen who worked as a ranch manager, farmer and cowboy.

She earned a nursing degree from the University of Texas Pan American, and she and Monty sent their combined family of four boys to Texas A & M.

As she approached retirement from work as director of nursing at a nursing facility, Sue was developing a vision of what she wanted to do next. She and Monty bought a storefront in Cottonwood Falls (population 966) in her home county.

On Oct. 13, 1998, Sue took the next step and opened the Emma Chase Café at 317 Broadway and the Prairie Maid Emporium at 319 Broadway on the brick avenue running north of the historic courthouse.

The enterprise occupies two buildings side-by-side. One is a former dime store and Western Auto; the other was Hamm's Gas & Electric and later an antique



At the Emma Chase Café in Cottonwood Falls, proprietor Sue Smith loves fancy hats and homegrown music. Joining her on a recent Friday night were (back, from left) Maria Shepard of Dwight on guitar, Diana Sigel of Gladstone (a Cottonwood Falls suburb) on mandolin, Dan Force of Manhattan on guitar, Monty Smith of Cottonwood Falls on bass; (front, from left) Lucy Smith of Cottonwood Falls on fiddle, her husband, Pete Smith, on guitar, Mary Lou Young of Olpe on guitar and Glenn Murphy of Newton on mountain dulcimer. Band members' ages range from 5 to 85.

shop, she said. A friend ran the enterprise for a few months while Sue remained in Texas with Monty.

In June 1999 she joined forces with Charley Klammer, a retired photographer who'd come home a bit earlier with his wife, Carol, to open a weaving shop just up the street in Cottonwood Falls. The two put together what they'd learned elsewhere, then staged Chase County's first folk life festival on the lawn of the picturesque Chase County Courthouse.

Later that same year, Sue took a



Friday nights are filled with food and music at the Emma Chase Café.

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job in a Chase County nursing facility, moved home and began an Emma Chase tradition that's still growing: live music every Friday evening.

In good weather, 100 folks may show up from around Kansas, eating supper while listening to local performers, then departing to make room for others. On a recent evening, visitors hailed from Missouri, Colorado, Oklahoma and Iowa.

"When we first started talking about this, most of the locals told us we wouldn't be able to get anybody out past five o'clock," said Klammer, who joins the band whenever he can, keeping time on a set of rib bones taken from Flint Hills bison.

Sue runs the show, ably assisted by Monty, who joined his wife in Cottonwood Falls after retiring in 2003.

Typical menu offerings at the Emma are fried catfish, fried shrimp, chicken strips and chicken-fried steak with baked or fried potatoes plus a slice of gooseberry, rhubarb, apple, cherry or peach pie.

There is a paid part-time cook and dishwasher, plus a half-dozen friends and local musicians who show up early to wait tables and visit.

Sue serves meals and Monty busses tables or helps out where needed. Whenever they can, they join the band, she fingering a stand-up bass while he fiddles.

On each Friday night of the month, the Emma hosts the Tall-Grass Pickers on the first Friday, followed by TallGrass Gospel

Singin' on the second Friday, the K-177 BlueGrass Pickers on the third and Old Timey Rock & Roll on the fourth. If there's a fifth Friday, there's a Silly Songs Pickin'.

"Some of these regulars had not picked up their instruments in a long time," she said. "Others didn't start playing until they felt encouraged by these Friday night events."

To lure a wider audience, Sue makes sure the Emma Chase is linked with area festivals, including the Prairie Fire Festival in April, the Flint Hills Rodeo and the Flint Hills Folk Life Festival in June, the Broom Weed Festival in September, the famed Walnut Valley Music Festival and Flat-Pickin' Contest in Winfield in September and the Chase County Country Christmas in late November each year.

For the fifth straight year, she'll also participate in the Kansas Sampler Festival on May 7 and 8 in Newton (www.kansasampler.org). The Sampler provides the public a sample each year of what there is to see and do in Kansas.

In warmer weather, Sue moves the action outdoors to the middle of Broadway, where she wheels in a portable stage for the musicians.

There were as many as 300 folks there in September listening to Nick Charles, a popular singer and guitarist from Australia who visits the United States each year to attend the Walnut Valley Music Festival in Winfield — and perform at the Emma Chase.

Sue also invites folks to bring

their lawn chairs to the Prairie Maid Ice Cream Parlour in the evening, get a favorite ice cream cone and join her on the sidewalk out front for "traffic waving."

The resulting "small-town, aw-shucks" flavor may raise eyebrows among some of her fellow locals, but it attracts visitors with cash to spend, she said.

"Who is the real Emma Chase?" visitors often ask her. "Is it you?" "No," she'd reply, referring to the origins of the café when it was operated by Linda Thurston, a Chase County native who moved on to become a professor and assistant dean of education at Kansas State University in Manhattan.

"But one day a customer put that same question to me and asked, 'Why not you?' And I said to myself, 'Why not indeed?'" Sue said.

"So I had my portrait made in Silver Dollar City wearing fancy clothing and a hat reminiscent of a hundred years ago and hung that portrait up on the wall," she said.

"I sewed several costumes so if Emma Chase needs to be seen somewhere, she can get there quick," she said.

She's added several broad-brimmed ladies hats to her collection, some with feathers.

"I got one back there with an entire chicken's hiney on it," she said. "Emma can be right handsome if she needs to be."

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